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## **New Wildfire Exhibit Opens at**

## **Mission Trails Regional Park Visitors Center**

*Exhibit will Help Educate San Diegans about Danger of Flying Embers*

SAN DIEGO – As dry and warm weather has returned, public safety officials are bracing for an already active wildfire season in the San Diego region. To help educate residents, a new exhibit has opened at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitors Center to warn about the dangers of flying embers.

The exhibit describes how strong winds and burning chaparral can produce flying, nearly invisible embers that can ignite a fire nearly six miles away from the fire-front. Often, these embers can enter a home undetected, resulting in catastrophic loss of property. Many people rightfully fear the moving wall of flames, however, flying embers can be the greater threat. In fact, during the 2007 fires, homes were burning when the fire-front was 80 minutes away.

“Thanks to the hard work of Park volunteers and staff as well as the gracious financial support from Councilmember Chris Cate’s office, the exhibit will provide important educational information about wildfires and the hidden threat of flying embers to San Diego residents for years to come,” said Councilmember Scott Sherman.

“Fire season is already proving to be extremely severe in central and northern California,” said Fire-Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy. “This exhibit shows it’s not only homes near canyon rims that need to be prepared. All of San Diego must be prepared and do their part to prevent the spread of wildfires.”

“Our hot and dry climate makes San Diego prone for wildfires. Residents must prepare themselves with tools and knowledge in case of an emergency,” said Councilmember Chris Cate.

The Mission Trails Regional Park Visitors Center is located at One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119. The Visitors Center is open daily between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. For more information about the park, please visit: [www.mtrp.org](http://www.mtrp.org).

To review a recent op-ed written by Councilmember Sherman regarding the exhibit, please click here: <http://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2016/08/03/education-key-to-protect-family-and-property-from-wildfires/>

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